

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America have shown the highest form of citizenship and made major contributions through the services they have performed in the defense of our great nation and the freedoms we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, the service performed by millions of gallant Americans, including thousands of Idahoans, demonstrates our citizens' willingness to meet the challenges of outside forces that wish to subjugate our nation through armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has a long standing tradition of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, with thousands giving their lives in defense of this country; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of military personnel from Idaho are vital to maintaining America's freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to raise awareness of the sacrifice that these brave men and women in uniform have made in the past and continue to make in order to support the Constitution and to preserve the liberties that enrich this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho recognize the importance of maintaining a strong, equipped, well educated, and well trained military to safeguard freedoms, humanitarianism, and peacekeeping efforts around the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of July 3rd, 2006, to be

116TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho this 4th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

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